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Raleigh County did Pocahontas an honor when it entrusted the trial of one of its citizens to the courts of this county...

The impression that we got was that the labor did not lay down their tools in anything like the unanimity that the local union was thinking they ought to and about all the men that could be accommodated were at work in the mine and the coal was being produced in usual quantity.

It sometimes appears that men, especially, young men think that this race of people can be ruled by fear. We think that men can be influenced to the extent of being cautious by fear or the presence of danger, but we do not believe that a whole community can be ruled by fear except for a very small part of a day.

The way the shooting was staged was as clear a case of bushwhacking as could be imagined. A steep hill overlooked the mouth of the mine. It was a shaft mine 320 feet underground. The elevators brought the men to the surface ten at a time.

An expert rifle man happened to be in a building near the mouth of the mine, and by chance a 30-30 rifle was on the wall at his hand. He fired three shots, but only fired when he saw a man to fire at, and he put the whole ten bushwhackers to flight.

It was to wonder, to listen to those boys tell about planning that attack and carrying it out. They were most tremendously regretful for obeying that impulse. It seemed that they figured out that it was the best thing for them to do, to go out to the blind at three in the morning and wait all day and until four o'clock on a November day when it is nearly dark.

They took some grub along but like a parcel of boys, did not figure on the cold and uncomfortable position, and so when it got chilly after they had taken the stand, they decided to go home and go to bed for the rest of the night and to assemble at three in the afternoon. It seems they had not figured on the tedium of waiting. That was like a bunch of boys too.

They came back. No absentees of the band that agreed to go bushwhacking. They found their guns and their ammunition under the logs in the brush and took up a line of fire after throwing out a couple of sentries.

Then they proceeded to rain the bullets down on a town with lots of people walking about and in sight. It is a good thing that the man Phipps had the presence of mind to return the fire so promptly for it must have soon happened that the fall of hundreds of bullets on that town would have found a mark and a murder been accomplished.

It was soon dark, and the bushwhackers got away and were safe from every one except themselves. We lay it down as apparent that no ten young men, inexperienced in crime, can join in the commission of an offense, and keep it a secret for any considerable length of time. Sooner or later, someone of them will split off and divulge the details.

That one will give the names and the circumstances. The other young men when picked up one by one, will be related the details showing that their guilty secret is known to the law. Then seeking immunity they in turn will break down and confess.

was guilty beyond all reasonable doubt and he was convicted. Without expressing any opinion of his guilt, it may be well said, that the maximum sentence that he received of five years imprisonment is consistent with the upholding of the verdict for if guilty, he was not entitled to the consideration of those who went to the place with guns, and faced the danger whatever there was of it.

To our mind, the saddest part of the whole case was the statement of the defendant that he was thirty-two years old and had a wife and seven children dependent upon him for support.

We will all be glad to see our Raleigh friends again in a social way, but the wearing of pistols has gone out of vogue in this county and the best families do not adorn their persons with hardware. So it will be agreeable if they leave their guns at home.

We have been working lately digging up what we could find about the activities of the people of what is now Pocahontas County, during the period covered by the Revolutionary War, particularly in regard to the trouble with the Iroquois Indians. There had been a settlement of white people in this trough of the Alleghenies for some twenty-seven years.

In the exposed position on the frontier and in the country traversed by the Warrior's Road, the policy of the British to attack the Americans from the rear by enlisting their Indian allies, must have been seriously considered by our ancestors, and there must have been a mature decision to stand their ground and risk the danger.

Prior to the breaking out the war, all Indians who came in from the south were enemies and all who came from the north were friends. If a war party came up the river it was time to get into the stockade, and if they came from the north, it was a party that helped to protect the whites from the Shawnee raids.

Now all was changed. There was a price set upon the head of every settler in this valley, by reason of the money that was paid for every scalp brought in by the savages, and before the war was over, a good many scalps had been ripped from the heads of persons of this neighborhood were proved at Detroit, and filed as vouchers.

We were considered to be in Augusta county though that county had been cut in two to make Botetourt County. The line ran east and west and crossed Greenbrier river near or at the Duncan rocks three miles below Marlinton, but it is evident that the dividing line was either not known or not regarded in the emergency of war.

Augusta men joined the continental army and saw service under Washington in all parts of the field of war, and the work of defense from the Indians fell upon the militia. The commander of the Augusta county militia which made such a glorious record during that war, was Colonel Sampson Mathews. His direct descendants live in this county now.

Captain Pogue, of the Twentieth Battalion Augusta Militia, was assigned the duty of "spying" in the Greenbrier Valley. The word spying seems to have had a somewhat peculiar meaning during the revolutionary war, and was simply the out-post duty performed by a regular company of soldiers. This Captain Pogue was the Senior William Pogue, was a great-great-grandfather of the writer and the ancestor of some hundreds of other citizens of this county.

He spied out this land of Canaan and brought his family here and settled at Hillsboro in 1782, where the late Chas. Beard lived. Just as the Seneca department of the Iroquois Nation, that is the war department of the Indian empire, had maintained a line of forts and towns the whole length of the Alleghany Mountains near the height of land, so the Virginia settlers opposed that warrior's line with another line a little to the east, and for years this out post duty was kept up to prevent the Indians from killing all the whites in the valleys of the mountains.

The plan was to garrison the forts at from thirty to sixty miles apart and the scouts would go out two by two, and travel through the woods looking for Indian sign until they met the scouts from the adjoining fort and then they would go in. The usual tour was weekly and four days out and three days in the fort was the average time put in by a team of scouts. But always there were scouts out and reading the woods until the middle of winter let them go in to the settlements in the Valley of Virginia, for as much as two months in the dead of winter, perhaps.

John Bradshaw who served year after year says that the scouts had to carry their provisions with them, it being against the nature of their oath and instructions, and also jeopardizing their own safety to make a fire at night, no matter how inclement the weather might be. It may be hard to understand the fortitude that our ancestors showed in the warfare with the Indians, but the result of capture by the Indians excluded in horror any thing in history, and it was ingrained into the nature of a pioneer to protect himself and his helpless family from the fiends near at hand.

John Bradshaw's beat was thirty miles out from Cook's Fort, Monroe county, where he met the spies from Burnside Fort, and returned. Burnside Fort we take it, was on the waters of Roanoke River. It seems that when a scout became familiar with a portion of country that he was kept on that particular tour year after year.

Jacob Kennison attached to the fort at Mill Point, Fort Buckley, has stated under his own signature that his beat was as follows: From the Little Levels to a place called Fork Lick on Elk River (Webster Springs) and from thence to the waters of Stony Creek, a branch of the Greenbrier River bounded by the trace (trail) leading to Tygarts Valley, including Valley Mountain, thence to a place called Clover Lick on Greenbrier River, thence to the Drennen Fort (Marlinton), thence to the Little Levels of Greenbrier River.

This Jacob Kennison was a brother of Chas. Kennison, who is the ancestor of the Kennison family in this county. Jacob Kennison has no direct descendants. Jacob and Charles Kennison were settlers in the Little Levels at the time of the Revolution. Jacob Kennison says that in 1779, that his companion on the scout was John Bridger, who was killed by the Indians the following spring. This conclusively confirms the date of the last great raid at the year that we stated some years ago—that the last raid by the Indians was in 1780 into this valley.

Jacob Kennison scouted through a most beautiful country, which we know might well as a paradise for deer and trout. The trace has broadened out into a turnpike road but it is pretty much along the same lines that Kennison traveled. Bishop Asbury in 1784, speaks of this same trace and how slow the traveling was on it.

At another time we want to set down more of the details of the Revolutionary war in Pocahontas County, but we have taken up so much space in the preamble, that we can give a very short summary here. The fort at Mill Point was garrisoned. Captain Pogue was in command and there was a Lieut. Kennison. This we take to be Charles Kennison, for the reason that Jacob Kennison was not a pensioner of the war in 1832, as he would have been if he had held a commission. The territory covered by the soldiers whose duty was spying throughout the wilderness was to cover the headwaters of Jackson River, Back creek, Greenbrier River, New River, Gauley, Kanawha, and Elk Rivers; Stony Creek, Locust Creek, Mill Creek and other contiguous streams.

In 1777, the most notable happening was the appearance of a large body of Indians supposed to number at least a hundred at Locust Creek, "near the lower end of Droun." Pogue and his men joined with Captain Chance, perhaps from Fort Donnelly, and attacked the Indians who were concealed in place where there were large rocks and fallen timber. Eleven Indians killed. Indians retreated into the Gauley country. Five whites wounded. None killed.

In 1778, the only Indians that appeared was a straggling party who killed a family on the headwaters of Tygarts River. Captain Pogue and his "Rangers," hastened to the scene to find that men had preceded him from Fort Warwick, and had buried the dead, and gone on in pursuit of the Indians.

In 1779, two families were attacked by Indians on Antonys Creek, a number of them killed and their buildings burned, and their cattle destroyed. Eight men under Lieut. Kennison overtook them at Peters Creek in Nicholas county. A volley from the scouts brought down three Indians, and the rest some twelve or fifteen in number fled, leaving three captive children and some stolen horses. The children were returned to their homes and the horses restored to their owners.

The same year a party under Lieut. Kennison at Fork Lick were about to camp for the night when they were fired upon by some Indians. One man was slightly wounded in the shoulder. They fled through the night and reached the fort in safety.

In 1780, the Iroquois appeared at Marlinton and on that raid thirteen persons were killed in this part of the county, that being the raid in which the Bridger boys, Henry Baker and others were slain.

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